

Feed the Future

On December 1st, the Government of Sierra Leone and the United States Mission in Sierra Leone, in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and other partners launched the “Feed the Future: Sierra Leone Entrepreneurial Agriculture for Improved Nutrition Project”. This \$16.9 million initiative is USAID funded and part of an international effort to advance food security, nutrition and to reduce rural poverty, notably among women and children.

The Food and Agricultural Organization and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security reported that approximately 47% of agricultural activities were disrupted and agricultural production declined by an estimated 30% due to the Ebola outbreak. CRS is leading the “Feed the Future” Project. Over the five year implementation period, CRS and partners will reach 30,000 households in Tonkolili District to improve their food security through the integration of agriculture and nutrition interventions. Ambassador John Hoover stated, “By working together, we can help communities recover and become more resilient in the face of disaster”.